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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 May 2007 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the shelf claimed in claims 11 and 19, the indicia, claimed in claims 6, 12, 17, 24 and steps of 31-33 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: The features 241 and 600 in the amendment do not appear to have been shown. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in

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reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO EFFECT DRAWING CHANGES

Replacement Drawing Sheets

Drawing changes must be made by presenting replacement sheets which incorporate the desired changes and which comply with 37 CFR 1.84. An explanation of the changes made must be presented either in the drawing amendments section, or remarks, section of the amendment paper. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). A replacement sheet must include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of the amended drawing(s) must not be labeled as "amended." If the changes to the drawing figure(s) are not accepted by the examiner, applicant will be notified of any required corrective action in the next Office action. No further drawing submission will be required, unless applicant is notified.

Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the title of the invention, inventor's name, and application number, or docket number (if any) if an application number has not been assigned to the application. If this information is provided, it must be placed on the front of each sheet and within the top margin.

Annotated Drawing Sheets

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A marked-up copy of any amended drawing figure, including annotations indicating the changes made, may be submitted or required by the examiner. The annotated drawing sheet(s) must be clearly labeled as "Annotated Sheet" and must be presented in the amendment or remarks section that explains the change(s) to the drawings.

Timing of Corrections

Applicant is required to submit acceptable corrected drawings within the time period set in the Office action. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in ABANDONMENT of the application.

If corrected drawings are required in a Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37), the new drawings MUST be filed within the THREE MONTH shortened statutory period set for reply in the "Notice of Allowability." Extensions of time may NOT be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for filing the corrected drawings after the mailing of a Notice of Allowability.

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 25, 27, 28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamlin '159.

The method of collapsing and erecting the bag are inherent in the construction of Hamlin wherein panels 46,48 are hinged by straps and panels 74,76 may be removably retained in pockets or compartments. With closures. Note further that Hamlin teaches the alternative of fastening the panel in the luggage or making them removable.

4. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamlin '159 in the manner set forth above and further in view of Hsieh '446, if recird.

To have provided the bag with a front door hinged at the bottom and closed with a zipper would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Hsieh. Note the handle attached to the top wall of Hsieh.

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5. Claims 2, 13, 16, 18, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claims 1 and 7 above, and further in view of Jenks '940, of record.

To have further reinforced the front, rear and door of the collapsible bag with peripheral frames to maintain the shape would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Jenks.

6. Claims 3, 8, 14, 21, 26 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claims 1, 7, 13, 20, 25 and 28 above, and further in view of Birkestrand '399, of record.

To have alternately secured reinforcement panels with upper and lower shallow pockets would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Birkestrand.

7. Claims 4, 9, 15 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claims 1, 7 and 13 above, and further in view of Johnson '818, of record.

To have optionally provided a zipper on the panel pocket to securely retain the panel would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Johnson

8. Claims 6, 12, 17, 24, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claims 1, 7, 13 and 20 above, and further in view of Leibowitz '059, of record.

To have further provided indicia on the exterior of the bag would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Leibowitz.

9. Claims 11 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 7 and 18 above, and further in view of Yu '254, of record.

To have provided the bag with a shelf to form storage compartments for items would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Yu at 34.

10. Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 31 above, and further in view of Herold '280, of record.

To have provided the indicia representing a business would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Herold.

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

The replacement drawings do not contain the changes added by amendment to the description.

Jenks does indeed teach using the frames to retain the shape of the collapsible bag with hinged or removable panels as it collapses. This is sufficient motivation.

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The patents show other features claimed.

13. The following are suggested formats for either a Certificate of Mailing or Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a). The certification may be included with all correspondence concerning this application or proceeding to establish a date of mailing or transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a). Proper use of this procedure will result in such communication being considered as timely if the established date is within the required period for reply. The Certificate should be signed by the individual actually depositing or transmitting the correspondence or by an individual who, upon information and belief, expects the correspondence to be mailed or transmitted in the normal course of business by another no later than the date indicated.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue A. Weaver whose telephone number is (571) 272-4548. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 5:30 to 4.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor is Nathan Newhouse. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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